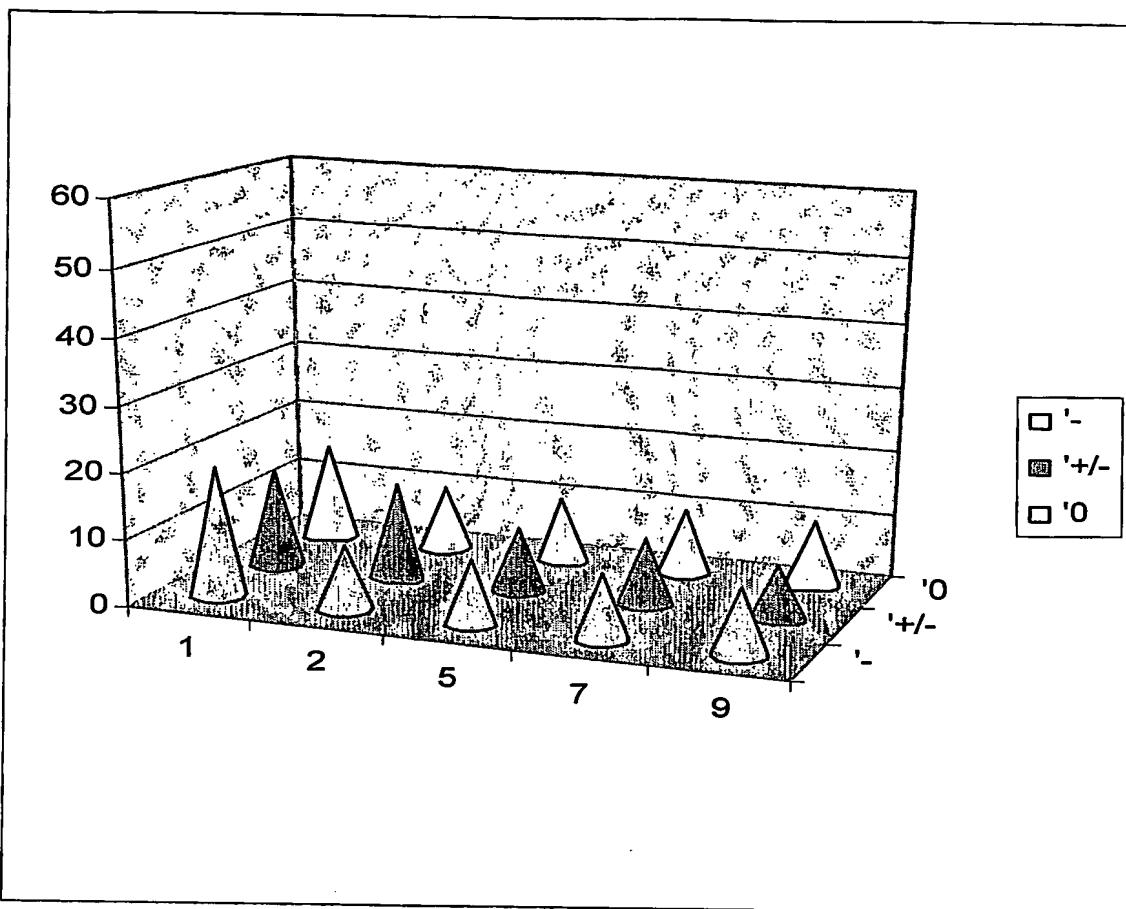


Water consumption red roses.

Water consumption in ml/day, vertical. Number of days, horizontal.

With negatively charged gel ("-'"), mixed gel ("+/-") or no gel ("0").

Fig. 1a



Water consumption red gerberas.

Water consumption in ml/day, vertical. Number of days, horizontal.

With negatively charged gel ("-'"), mixed gel ("+'/-") or no gel ("0").

Fig. 1b